under the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972 is not applied to them;

(c) whether there is any provision for payment of Provident Fund to such employees; and

(d) what steps and by when, proper steps would be taken by the Government to do justice to the suffering employees for payment of gratuity with interest as per penalty provisions of the relevant law ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The employees of the Government funded Projects of the Family Planning Association of India are appointed by the Association and are employees of the Association.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The staff have filed a suit in the Delhi High Court for claiming gratuity and other benefits at par with the Central Government employees. The matter is, at present subjudice.

Cardiac Doctor-Patient ratio in AIIMS

3651. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) The number of registered heart-patients in the cardio-thoracic centre of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences and what on an average, is the number of heart patients registered daily in the Institute;

(b) what is the present doctor-patient ratio to cope with the increasing number of heart patients in the Institute;

(c) whether, considering the growing number of heart patients to make it unmanageable for the existing doctors, Government have considered the desirability of starting another such centre for the quick care of the heart patients; and

(d) if so, what is the decision if any taken by the Government in this direction ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) It has been reported by AIIMS that during the year 1992, a total number of 73107 patients were registered in the Cardiothoracic Sciences Centre of the Institute and the daily average of heart patients registered at the said centre is 468.

(b) The present doctor-patient ratio of heart patients is 16 patients per doctor for CTVS and 27 patients per doctor for cardiology.

(c) and (d) There is no proposal to start another such centre. However, the Cardiothoracic centre is being strengthened in a phased manner to cope with the increasing patient load.

Increase in Diseases due to Radiation in Rajasthan

3652. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been an alarming rise in the incidence of cancer, various kinds of tumours and congenital deformities due to radiation in villages around the Rawatbhata Atomic Power Plant in Chittorgarh district of Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) No scientifically conducted study report has been received in this regard.

(b) Does not arise.

सामुदायिक और प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्रों को प्रदत्त सहायता

3653. चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार सामुदायिक और प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्रों के कार्यकरण के सम्बन्ध में कोई सहायता प्रदान करती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार उक्त केन्द्रों हेतु निर्धारित लक्ष्यों को प्राप्त करने और उनके कार्यकरण में सुधार करने हेतु क्या प्रयास करती है;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि उक्त केन्द्रों का कार्यकरण और उनके द्वारा निर्धारित लक्ष्यों की उपलब्धि असन्तोषजनक रही है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री (श्री बो० शंकरानन्द) : (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) से (घ) परिवार नियोजन के विभिन्न गर्भनिरोधक तरीकों के लिए लक्ष्य राज्यों के परामर्श से निर्धारित किए जाते हैं। राज्य सामुदायिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्रों, प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्रों इत्यादि के लिए लक्ष्य निर्धारित करते हैं।

Gap between the requirement and availability of Blood

3654. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a substantial gap between the requirement and availability of blood for medical care in the country ?

(b) If so; what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take for an effective nation-wide campaign to educate people for donating blood and collect adequate blood for medical purposes in the country;

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) Yes. Sir. As against the Annual estimated requirement of 40 lakhs units of blood in the country the availability is only 19.5 lakh units.

(c) The National AIDS Control Programme contains a comprehensive plan for augmenting the availability of blood and blood products by promoting voluntary donation of blood as a popular movement and by encouraging rational and efficient use of blood by education of medical practitioners and setting up of component separation facilities in 30 identified centres.

Training to Medical Staff for Rural Health in Bihar

3655. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated any plants for training grass-roots level workers and para-medical staff in the State of Bihar in order to meet the requirements of rural health in the State;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, in what manner Government propose to meet the requirements of rural health in Bihar ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (c) Training of grassroot level workers and para-medical staff is an integral part of delivery of health care. 33 Auxillary Nurse Mid-Wife Training Schools and 2 Lady Health Visitors Training Schools are functioning in the State to provide basic training. Four Health & Family Welfare Training Centres set up in the State Provide in-service training to health personnel. Effective utilisation of these facilities can meet the training requirements in the State.

Financial irregularities in T. B. Association

3656. SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appeared in